

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A hose reel for winding a hose, comprising:
a rotatable drum, which when rotated, is operable to wind the hose; and
a guide part for guiding the hose being provided on a moving path of the hose, the guide part presenting an opening having a width which decreases toward an upper portion of the guide part, said opening of said guide part being widest at a lowermost portion thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) A hose reel for winding a hose, comprising:
a rotatable drum, which when rotated, is operable to wind the hose;
a guide part for guiding the hose being provided on a moving path of the hose~~[[;]]~~, said guide part including a restrictive part for preventing said hose from escaping extending on the guide part in a direction crossing a moving direction of said hose, said restrictive part including, ~~and~~ an inclined part including a pair of inclined portions extending inward with an inclination ~~inclined~~ toward a central part and set on said restrictive part to define a spacing therebetween such that a separation distance between said pair of inclined portions is greatest at a base thereof, an angle of inclination in the inclined part being not less than 45 degrees and less than 90

degrees, said pair of inclined portions being in a fixed orientation relative to an axial positioning of said drum.

3. (Currently Amended) A hose reel for winding, comprising:
a rotatable drum, which when rotated, is operable to wind the hose;
a guide part for guiding the hose provided on the moving path of the hose;
and
a restrictive part for preventing said hose from escaping extending on the guide part in a direction crossing a moving direction of said hose, said restrictive part being formed in an arc shape, a central part of which protrudes, said arc shape being widest at a lowermost position thereof.

4. (Previously presented) The hose reel according to Claim 3, further comprising an opening through which said hose is inserted provided in said guide part, said restrictive part being set in an upper opening edge of the opening, the lower opening edge of said opening being linearly formed.

5. (Previously presented) The hose reel according to Claim 3, further comprising a frame, said drum being supported by said frame, and said guide part comprising a bar disposed on said frame.

6. (Currently Amended) A hose reel, comprising:

a rotatable drum, which when rotated, is operable to wind the hose; and

a guide part having an opening through which the hose is inserted provided on a moving path of the hose, the guide part comprising a thick part thicker than a remainder of the guide part and being disposed on an opening edge of said opening, said thick part presenting an arc shape protruding toward a center of the opening, said arc shape being widest at a lowermost position thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) A hose reel, comprising:

a rotatable drum, which when rotated, is operable to wind the hose; and

a guide part having an opening through which the hose is inserted provided on a moving path of the hose, an opening edge of said opening having a sectional shape formed in an arc protruding toward a center of said opening, said arc shape being widest at a lowermost position thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) A hose reel, comprising:

a rotatable drum, which when rotated, is operable to wind the hose; and

a rotational member in contact with the hose and rotating in the direction of urging movement of the hose, the rotational member being disposed on a moving path of the hose, said hose being free of contact with rotational structure at a

circumferential location of said hose ~~opposed~~ opposite to a support location of said hose by said rotational member.

9. (Previously presented) The hose reel according to any of Claims 1 through 8, further comprising the hose having a rugged outer surface which includes a striped shape defined by convex stripes and concave grooves both extending in a lengthwise direction of the hose.

10. (Currently Amended) A hose reel, comprising:

a drum comprising a barrel portion and respective collars at opposite ends of the barrel portion; and

a frame supporting the drum for rotation of the drum relative to the frame, the frame being formed in a shape allowing accommodation of said drum, an inlet/outlet for the hose being disposed in a fixed position in said frame opposite a winding position between the two collars of said drum, and the inlet/outlet being of a width not greater than a distance from one of said two collars of said drum to an other of said two collars, such that ~~[[a]]~~ a complete width extent of said inlet/outlet is ~~maintained positionally~~ positioned between said two collars.

11. (Previously presented) The hose reel according to Claim 10, wherein said frame is formed in a case shape for accommodating said drum.

12. (Previously presented) The hose reel according to Claim 10 or 11, wherein the width of said inlet/outlet becomes smaller toward an upper part.

13. (Previously presented) The hose reel according to Claim 10 or 11, wherein an opening edge of said inlet/outlet on an upper side is formed in an arc shape having a central part protruding upward.

14. (Previously presented) The hose reel according to Claim 10 or 11, wherein:

said inlet/outlet is delimited by an opening edge, at least a portion of which defines an arc shape; and

a starting point of the arc shape of said opening edge is between a center of rotation of said drum and a highest position of said collars.

15. (Currently amended) A hose reel, comprising:

a drum comprising a barrel portion and respective collars at opposite ends of the barrel portion[[]]; and

a frame supporting the drum for rotation of the drum relative to the frame, a distance between said two collars being between 40% and 60% of a diameter of said collars.